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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator  
SUBJECT : 6 December 1977 Briefing and  
Preparations for Later Briefings

*No delay*

1. I recommend that you lead off the 6 December briefing with Dave Brandwien's Covert Communications presentation. Then discuss the SIGINT Mix decisions and the ASAT paper. Finally give a short briefing on our Soviet Oil Production Estimate, and any other short items you pick from this package or elsewhere.

2. Upon review we believe you should cover Soviet Oil Production so that the President will feel comfortable in his knowledge of where we stand in this area. He is sure to be asked something about it by someone in the course of his trip. Indeed he may want to raise the matter in Poland to see what reaction he gets from Gierek. Polish perceptions of how the Soviets will handle their exports to Eastern Europe in this crunch may be of interest to the President.

3. The President was briefed on our estimates of the dollar costs of Soviet forces in January 1977. I recommend against briefing again now, but a briefing is included here. I recommend you review it, asking any questions. [redacted] (OSR) will answer them and I will insert the package in the back of your briefing notebook Tuesday morning so you will

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have it on hand if the President asks about it. In that event, I recommend you answer the specific question, note that the data in these publications are now nearly a year old, and tell him you will have a fully updated presentation for him when he returns from his trip in January.

4. Material on international terrorism is included here. Your note on the 29 November briefing suggests that you touched on this. Do you want to give the President the full briefing? If so, I recommend slipping the Covert Communications presentation to 13 December, and leading off with this one.

5. In addition to materials on the subjects noted above, this package contains the following filler items:

- a. Rhodesia's Role in Zaire's Transport, and Trade
- b. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- c. Afghanistan Status

6. Finally, the package contains outlines of four topics that are at least two weeks downstream. I hope to give you such advance pictures of all topics regularly so you can tell us to forget them or can have us change their thrust to be more useful. The outlines cover:

- a. French Foreign Policy
- b. Estimating Soviet Military Manpower (this feeds into our costing of Soviet Forces in both rubles and dollars).
- c. Detection of Mobile Missile Deployments
- d. Chinese Shopping for Western Advanced Technology

Accompanying these outlines is a memorandum to give you an overall picture of the topics we are working.



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Attachments  
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cc: Dr. Bowie  
Mr. Lehman

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